

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 140
By Beavers

A RESOLUTION to honor and give accolades to Coach Chris Fryer and the Mt. Juliet High School Girls Basketball Team on winning the 2005 TSSAA Class AAA Girls State Basketball Championship.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to the State of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Mt. Juliet High School Lady Bears basketball team achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2005 season, and is renowned overall for its perennial stature as a bastion of remarkable athletic facility and competitive stature in the world of high school basketball; and

WHEREAS, this exemplary team gallantly fought its way to the State Championship Game and won Mt. Juliet's first TSSAA Class AAA Championship Title since 1983; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Chris Fryer provided expert guidance and leadership for these young ladies throughout their outstanding season and garnered his 200th win with the team's victory in the State Championship Game; and

WHEREAS, showcasing the talent and determination of the Mt. Juliet Lady Bears, senior Alysha Clark scored twenty-seven points and grabbed nineteen rebounds during the Championship Game; always demonstrating a selfless attitude in putting her team first, this outstanding player has previously been honored as Class AAA Miss Basketball; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Bears first won the District 9-AAA Tournament against Wilson Central to advance to the Region 5-AAA Tournament, where they finished in a noteworthy second place. This exceptional basketball team soon rebounded to win their sectional game in heated competition against Hillsboro; and

WHEREAS, after earning a berth in the State Tournament, the Lady Bears defeated Cleveland in the quarterfinals and Powell in the semifinals to advance to the title game; and

WHEREAS, an extremely talented and hard working basketball team, the Lady Bears played an exemplary game when they claimed the State Title with a 54-46 win over their tough opponents, Dyersburg High School; and

WHEREAS, due to their outstanding season, the Mt. Juliet Lady Bears earned the prestigious honor of being named *USA Today's* eleventh-ranked team in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the female basketball players at Mt. Juliet High School epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, as they have achieved the highest level of success on the court while showing the highest degree of character both on and off the court; they inspired the Mt. Juliet student body and united their entire community while completing their triumphant run through the 2005 season; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible a championship basketball season, but also surely bode well for their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the Mt. Juliet High School Lady Bears for the 2005 TSSAA Class AAA Girls State Basketball Championship and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we do hereby honor and congratulate Coach Chris Fryer and the Mt. Juliet High School Lady Bears basketball team on their formidable legacy, their individual and collective resolve, and their astounding championship season.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.